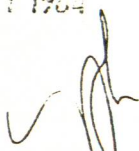


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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO KING HASSAN
BEGINS

'I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOUR MAJESTY FOR THE EFFORT YOU
HAVE MADE TO HELP US FOLLOWING MY TALK WITH M. ABDULLAH LAROU
ON 5 OCTOBER. I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST MR CAMBRIDGE'S
REPORT ON HIS TALK WITH YOU ON 17 OCTOBER AND I NOTE THAT
COLONEL QADHAFI ASSURED YOUR AMBASSADOR OF HIS ACCEPTANCE THAT
THE FOUR BRITISH HOSTAGES STILL UNJUSTIFIABLY HELD IN LIBYA
SHOULD BE RELEASED.

'IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
DR TREIKI YOUR MAJESTY WERE ABLE TO REASSURE THE LIBYAN
AUTHORITIES THAT WE ALSO HAVE NO WISH TO EXTEND OUR QUARREL WITH
THEM. I WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE COLONEL QADHAFI TO UNDERSTAND
THAT LIBYAN RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WHO OBEY OUR LAWS
HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY
SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN BRITAIN IN
MARCH AND APRIL ARE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT ANYONE OF
WHATEVER POLITICAL PERSUASION WHO IS FOUND GUILTY OF BREAKING
OUR LAWS MUST BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO THOSE LAWS. THERE
CANNOT UNDER OUR SYSTEM BE ANY INTERFERENCE BY THE EXECUTIVE IN
THE JUDICIAL PROCESS. THIS MEANS THAT THOSE LIBYANS AT PRESENT
AWAITING TRIAL ON SERIOUS CHARGES RELATING TO BOMBING INCIDENTS
IN MARCH MUST BE TRIED AND, IF CONVICTED, MUST SERVE THEIR
SENTENCES ACCORDING TO THE LAW. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF
RELEASING LIBYANS CONVICTED OR AWAITING TRIAL IN EXCHANGE FOR

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THE RELEASE OF INNOCENT BRITISH CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN HELD IN LIBYA FOR OVER FIVE MONTHS WITHOUT ANY JUSTIFICATION WHATEVER. I AM SURE THAT YOUR MAJESTY WILL UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS CAUSED IN THIS COUNTRY BY THE PUBLIC MURDER OF A WOMAN POLICE OFFICER FROM THE PREMISES OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN APRIL. IF THE LIBYAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO DEMONSTRATE THE SINCERITY OF THEIR DESIRE TO PUT THE PAST BEHIND THEM, THEY COULD FIND NO BETTER WAY OF DOING SO THAN BE RELEASING UNCONDITIONALLY THE FOUR BRITISH CITIZENS THEY ARE NOW HOLDING. SO LONG AS THEY ARE HELD IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO LOOK AT WAYS OF MOVING BEYOND THE PRESENT IMPASSE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND HELP WHICH I GREATLY APPRECIATE, AND MAY I SAY HOW GRATEFUL WE WERE TO YOU FOR SENDING A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO SEE US ABOUT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOROCCO AND LIBYA.
UNQUOTE. ENDS.

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